'May I help you' Police Squads

* 36 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the number of 'May I help you' Police Squads working in the City?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Four Squads, Sir.

Sri A. A. RASHEED: What is the strength of each squad, Sir? Will it be extended to the other districts also?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: At present there is no proposal to extend it to the other areas. The four squads are now allotted to four centres one under each range of the City Police, namely, Mylapore, Triplicane, Flower Bazaar and Vepery. Each squad consists of two head-constables and six Police constables drawn from the various Stations in the region.

Sri V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR: May I know what exactly is the work of the squad?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: For the present the main duties allotted to the squads are to make door-to-door enquiries in one or two streets each day regarding the needs of each locality and to help as far as possible in their requirements and also to help people in railway stations, bus-stops, hospitals, temples, etc., by directing and guiding people and rendering such other assistance which they may require.

Sri N. K. PALANISAMI: இதுவரையில் என்னென்ன காரியங்கள் செய்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்வார்களா?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I am sorry, I do not have in my hands now a list of the achievements of these squads.

Sri M. P. SUBRAMANIAM: ஸார், இந்த போலீஸ்காரர்கள் வெளியில் செல்லும்போது வெள்ளை உடை அணிந்து போகிறார்களா அல்லது அவர்களுக்கு கொடுக்கக்கூடிய காக்கி உடையில் போகிறார்களா? அல்லது ஸிவிலியன் உடையில் போகிறார்களா?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I may give this for the information of all hon. Members. The men belonging to the squad move on cycles. They will not carry any lathi. To distinguish these from the other Policemen, they wear a special badge on the left shoulder. This badge will be in the shape of a shield with the inscription 'May I help you' over a pair of shaking hands indicating Police fraternising with the public.

Yogasanas

* 37 *Q.*—Sri A. VEDARATHNAM PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to introduce yogasanas in educational institutions in the place of physical instructions; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) No, Sir. But steps are being taken to teach yogasanas along with the present physical training.

(*b*) The question does not arise.